(c) what are the main reasons for their sickness and the steps taken to revive them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As on 31.3. 1993, there were 237 operating Central PSEs in the country. State wise detail is given in Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1992-93 at pages S-211 to S-218 laid in the Parliament on 23.2.1994. So far as State of Punjab is concerned, there is only one Central Public Undertaking namely Semi Conductor Complex Ltd.

(b) Enterprises wise detail of net profit/loss for last five years is given in the same Volume-I at pages S-43 to S-50.

(c) Main reasons of sickness of Central PSEs are continuous losses due to old and obsolete plant and machinery, out dated technology, surplus labour force, competition with private companies, heavy interest burden etc. For revival of sick PSEs, Sick Industries Companies (Special Provision) Act (SICA), 1985 has been amended in 1991 so as to enable sick PSEs to be referred to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). BIFR appoints Operating Agency for each sick PSE for formulation of revival/ rehabilitation package.

Industrial production targets

375. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the industrial production targets fixed for 1993-94 and the actual production made;

(b) what are the reasons for decline in industrial production;

(c) whether the cement industry is in the grip of recession; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to accelerate the growth of the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRSHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Targets for overall industrial production are not fixed on an annual basis. However, according to the data from CSO, industrial production recorded available growth of 3.3 percent in 1993-94 as against a growth rate of 2.8 per cent recorded in 1992-93.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Production of cement recorded a growth rate of 7.05 percent in 1993-94. During 1994-95, the growth rate so far (April-Oct.) has been 7.7 percent

Amount locked up in sick units

376. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Indian Express dated 14th October, 1994 under the caption "Rs. 50,000 crore locked up in sick units";

(b) if so, what are the full details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country are compiled by the Reserve Bank of India. The data relate to the bank credit outstanding against sick industrial unit The data on the amount of money